GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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Ban on Diesel Vehicles
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to ban the operation of diesel vehicles in Delhi and other Metropolitan cities in view of the worsening environmental situation and the excessive levels of pollutants in the atmosphere leading to pulmonary diseases;
(b) if so, whether the Government would ban the use of all the diesel vehicles which are more than a decade old;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps proposed to be taken to curb the menace arising from the use of diesel vehicles in polluted cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

(a) to (c): No Madam. There is no ban on sale of diesel cars in Delhi and other Metropolitan cities. However, Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 16-12-2015 passed in the case of M C Mehta v/s Union of India has directed that the registration of SUVs and private cars of the capacity of 2000 cc and using above diesel fuel shall stand banned in the NCR up to 31st March 2016.

(d): The Expert Committee on Auto Fuel Policy has recommended the implementation BS V & BS VI emission norms across the country by 2020 and 2024 respectively. However, in view of the deteriorating air quality, it is agreed to take on a more challenging task of compressing the timelines. In this regard, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has uploaded on their website draft notification for mandating Mass emission standards Bharat Stage (BS V) for category M & Category N vehicles, manufactured on or after 1st April 2019 for new models and on or after 1st April 2020 for existing models and mass emission standards Bharat Stage (BS VI) for M & N category vehicles manufactured on or after 1st April, 2021 for new models and on or after 1st April 2022 for existing models.

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